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Title: **METHOD AND MACHINE FOR FORMING  
PROTECTIVE FILM ON SPRAYED COATING  
OF LARGE-SIZED PRODUCT"**

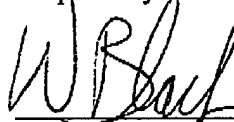
SEARCH REQUEST

Applicant notes that the PAIR system lists the above-identified application as "File Marked Lost". Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office conduct a search to locate the file, since an interview was conducted February 4, 2005 between applicant's representative and Examiner Jimenez, and it is believed that progress was made during that interview on identifying patentable subject matter. Applicant notes that Examiner Jimenez did not have the file available for the interview, and that the interview was conducted based on a partially reconstructed portion of the file.

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